



Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



The role of public health is to:

PROMOTE community-wide wellness,

PREVENT disease, and

PROTECT the community from infectious diseases,
environmental hazards, and epidemics

Women and Children's Shelter Briefing

Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee

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Salvation Army Downtown

- Providing Safe Sleep sheltering downtown to 45-50 women a night.
 - Started in November 2012
 - Access to safe sleeping area, breakfast, shower and services
- Salvation Army has received approval to use grant funds to make 32 additional permanent beds for single women downtown
 - this will decrease single men beds by 15
 - Estimated completion in Fall of 2013

HHSD Bond Project Activities

- Women and Children's Shelter Agreement
 - Expires March 31, 2016 with option to renew for additional five years
 - HHSD staff met with City Legal and Travis County Executive Manager regarding property agreement.
 - On June 14, 2013 a briefing was held with Travis County Judge, Assistant City Manager and HHSD Chief Administrative Officer to discuss bond project and agreement.
- City Legal has approved use bond funds in FY13 for preliminary design.

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- Public Works Project Manager Assigned (Robin Camp)
- Architectural Firm assigned from rotation list (McKinney & York)
- Initial site visit held with HHSD, Project Manager, Architect and Salvation Army on 6/3/13.
- Programming and Existing Conditions Meeting scheduled for Friday June 21.
- Architect to provide various scenarios addressing needs and capacity at the shelter
 - Per Salvation Army, capacity increase needs to be 20 beds or more. Requested architect base scenarios on this expressed need.
 - Current facility has ADA issues that will need to be addressed in project scope.
 - Architect initial draft of options to be delivered in early September.
- Timeline proposal based on architectural drafts

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Questions or Comments

